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SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF HEROIN LABORATORY IN KONYA

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:
TURKISH PRESS DEC. 14 WIDELY REPORTED SEIZURE OF A SMALL HEROIN
LAB AND 13 KILOS OF HEROIN BY TURKISH AUTHORITIES IN
BASKOY VILLAGE NEAR DOGANHISAR IN KONYA PROVINCE. A
COOPERATIVE OPERATION BY THE REGIONAL NARCOTICS SECTION OF THE
TURKISH NATIONAL POLICE (TNP) AND REGIONAL JANDARMA
COMMAND RESULTED IN THE ARREST OF THE ALLEGED HEROIN CHEMIST,
MUSTAFA BASYIGIT, AND THE VILLAGE TREASURER, AKIF KILICARSLAN.
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THE HEROIN AND LABORATORY EQUIPMENT WERE REPORTEDLY FOUND
IN THE HOUSE OF BASYIGIT, AND SEVEN KILOS OF HASHISH WERE
ALLEGEDLY DISCOVERED IN KILICARSLAN'S HOUSE.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORT, BASYIGIT TOLD POLICE HE LEARNED
CONVERSION TECHNIQUE IN THE NEARBY TOWN IF ILGIN THREE YEARS AGO
FROM A PERSON HE DID NOT KNOW. SAMPLES OF THE MATERIALS

SEIZED IN BASYIGIT'S HOUSE WERE FORWARDED TO THE LABORATORY OF ANKARA UNIVERSITY'S PHARMACEUTICAL FACULTY FOR ANALYSIS, AND THE SUBSEQUENT REPORT ALLEGEDLY PLACED THE PURITY OF THE HEROIN BETWEEN 15 AND 30 PERCENT. ON PRESS REPORT ADDED THAT POLICE SOURCES SAY THAT SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE POPPY STRAW METHOD, TURKEY IS NO LONGER A SUPPLIER OF OPIUM GUM TO THE ILLICIT MARKET, ALTHOUGH TURKS ARE ENGAGED IN A FLOURISHING TRAFFIC IN ILLICIT NARCOTICS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST, IN PARTICULAR FROM LEBANON.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE:

TNP OFFICIALS IN ANKARA HAVE TOLD LOCAL DEA AGENTS THAT THE ARRESTS REPORTED IN THE PRESS WERE MADE ON DECEMBER 5. THE TNP OFFICIALS CLAIM THAT THE LAB SEIZED WAS SMALL AND UNSOPHISTICATED, BUT THEY WOULD NOT SAY HOW MUCH HEROIN WAS INVOLVED OR CONFIRM THE PRESS ACCOUNTS OF 13 KILOS. THEY ALSO PROFESS NOT TO KNOW THE SOURCE OF THE OPIUM GUM/MORPHINE BASE, THE LABORATORY EQUIPMENT, OR THE CHEMICALS USED FOR HEROIN CONVERSION.

4. TNP OFFICIALS DID CONFIRM AN EARLIER PRESS REPORT THAT SEVEN KILOS OF OPOIM GUM WERE SEIZED IN THE KONYA AREA RECENTLY. THEY SAID THAT THE OPIUM GUM WAS OLD AND PROBABLY REMAINED FROM THE PERIOD BEFORE THE 1971 OPIUM POPPY BAN WHEN INCISION AND GUM COLLECTION WERE LEGAL.

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